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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH DUTCH ON PLO ISSUE AT UN

1. DUTCH CHARGE VAN AERSSSEN CALLED ON ASSTSEC ATHERTON AND IO DEPUTY ASSTSEC BLAKE 10/4/74 SEEKING CLARIFICATION OF U.S. VIEWS AND TACTICS ON HANDLING OF PLO ISSUE IN UNGA. VAN AERSSSEN SAID HE HAD A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ARISING FROM HIS FOREIGN MINISTER'S DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH BOTH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON IN NEW YORK. VAN AERSSSEN POSED FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: IS IT U.S. INTENTION TO POSTPONE DEBATE AT UNGA ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE? IF SO, WHAT ARE U.S. TACTICS LIKELY TO BE? WILL U.S. TACTICS INCLUDE MAKING DEMARCHE IN CAPITALS OF THE NINE IN ORDER ATTEMPT TO ACHIEVE COMMON U.S.-NINE APPROACH TO ISSUE? HE OPINED THAT WITHOUT DEMARCHE IN NINE CAPITALS THERE IS LITTLE OR NO CHANCE FOR SUCH COMMON APPROACH.

2. ATHERTON REPLIED THAT DEBATE ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE IN-DEED COULD PROVE TROUBLESOME AND WE ARE MAKING IT KNOWN IN NEW YORK THAT WE WOULD PREFER THAT THERE NOT BE SUCH DEBATE.

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ATHERTON CONTINUED THAT OF COURSE WE HAVE TOLD ISRAEL OF

OUR VIEW AND OF OUR INTENTION TO MAKE THIS VIEW WIDELY KNOWN. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT SEE ANY WAY TO PREVENT DEBATE FROM TAKING PLACE. WE DO NOT WANT THE DEBATE BUT IF IT TAKES PLACE WE WILL WORK TO ENSURE THAT IT NOT ENCOURAGE EXTREMISTS NOR PREJUDGE ISSUES WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED IN

NEGOTIATIONS. BLAKE ADDED THAT QUESTION OF DEBATE REALLY RESOLVED WHEN GA VOTED TO DEBATE PALESTINE ITEM AND THAT OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS BEFORE US ARE THOSE OF WHERE DEBATE WILL TAKE PLACE, IN PLENARY OR FIRST COMMITTEE, AND WHETHER OR NOT PLO WILL BE INVITED TO SPEAK, AND WHERE. BLAKE ADDED THAT A REAL EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO MAKE DEBATE AS HARMLESS AS POSSIBLE; HE OPINED THAT THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE TO KEEP IT OUT OF PLENARY OR TO AVOID A SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION.

3. ATHERTON SAID IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS QUESTION OF INVITATION TO PLO. VAN AERSSEN INTERJECTED THAT ISRAELIS SEE PROBLEM STILL IN TERMS OF AVOIDING DEBATE ENTIRELY, AS WAS DONE LAST YEAR ON MIDDLE EAST QUESTION. ATHERTON AND BLAKE AGREED THAT ISRAELI GOAL IS TO HAVE AS MANY VOTES AS POSSIBLE AGAINST ISSUANCE OF INVITATION TO PLO. VAN AERSSEN AGREED THAT DAMAGE CONTROL IS GOAL WHICH WE SHARE. DUTCH FIRST SECRETARY VAN OORDT ASKED IF CONSENSUS ROUTE HAD BEEN CONSIDERED. BLAKE ANSWERED THAT IN TERMS OF ANY EVENTUAL RESOLUTION IT WAS TOO SOON TO JUDGE BUT THAT ON ISSUE OF INVITATION TO PLO WE DO NOT BELIEVE CONSENSUS APPROACH WOULD FIND ADEQUATE SUPPORT.

4. ATHERTON SAID WE HAVE STILL TO MAKE OUR DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLO INVITATION QUESTION. HE SAID ISRAEL WANTS AS MANY NEGATIVE VOTES AS POSSIBLE ON ANY INVITATION TO PLO, REGARDLESS OF WHERE DEBATE IS TO TAKE PLACE, PLENARY OR FIRST COMMITTEE. VAN OORDT ASKED IF U.S. COULD LIVE WITH DEBATE IN FIRST COMMITTEE. ATHERTON SAID WE HAVE YET TO COME TO A DECISION BUT IF DEBATE IS TO TAKE PLACE WE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE IT IN COMMITTEE RATHER THAN IN PLENARY. BLAKE NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHERE DEBATE IS TO TAKE PLACE COULD BE DECIDED BEFORE THE QUESTION OF

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AN INVITATION TO PLO. VAN AERSSEN CONCLUDED BY NOTING THAT DUTCH ARE CONCERNED, AND HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT, THAT UNLESS U.S. MAKES DEMARCHE IN CAPITALS OF THE NINE THERE WILL BE NO POSSIBILITY OF LINING UP THE NINE ON A COMMON APPROACH TO PLO ISSUE AT UNGA. HE ASKED THAT ATHERTON PLEASE INFORM HIM WHEN U.S. HAS DECIDED WHETHER OR NOT TO MAKE FORMAL APPROACHES IN CAPITALS. ATHERTON SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

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